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1. Faysal-Talbot Meeting

King FAYSAL received Assistant Secretary of State Phillips TALBOT and Ambassador HART in Jidda on April 19. Crown Prince KHALID and Deputy Foreign Minister Omar SAQQAF were also present. The discussion ranged over a wide variety of topics.

The King reviewed in familiar terms the history of Saudi-UAR negotiations to resolve the Yemen problem, concluding that the Saudis cannot accept a solution dictated by the UAR. Mr. Talbot then reviewed recent developments in U.S. relations with the UAR, including his conversation with UAR President NASIR in Cairo the previous day. Mr. Talbot explained that he had gone to Cairo to explore with Nasir the attitude of the UAR toward the U.S. and to explain the U.S. position on various matters, including Yemen.

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2. Use of Petroleum as a Weapon Against the West Criticized

Ukaz political commentator Sulaiman Qadhi criticized the argument that Arabs should nationalize the petroleum industry as a weapon against the West and Israel or keep the oil in the ground until the Western states cease their support for Israel. Qadhi pointed out that the Arab states lack the expertise and the ability to produce and market the oil and that it will be scores of years before they can do so. In the meantime the income from oil revenues is a matter of life and death for many Arab countries. Qadhi concludes that petroleum, by itself, is insufficient as a weapon to solve the Palestine problem. Instead, the Arabs should pay (out of oil revenues) for the recruitment and arming of Palestinian youth to carry on a guerilla war against Israel. This, he concludes, is the only way Palestine can be regained. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: Qadhi's article smacks of official inspiration and represents the Saudi rebuttal to those Arab leaders like Syria's President Hafiz who have urged the Arab producer states to deny their oil resources to the West until it stops supporting Israel. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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